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To:

Medicaid Transportation Providers

From:

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Subject:

Removal of Non-Emergency Transportation Benefit from the Idaho Medicaid

Basic Benchmark Benefit Plan

All state agencies have been directed by the Governor (Executive Order 2008-05) to hold back four percent of their general fund budgets for fiscal year 2009 due to the downturn in the state and national economy.

As one of our responses to this, the Division of Medicaid will initiate the removal of transportation services from the Idaho Medicaid Basic Benchmark Benefit Plan. **Beginning April 1, 2009,** non-emergency medical transportation services will no longer be available as a benefit under the Basic Benchmark Benefit Plan.

Non-emergency medical transportation services will remain as a benefit in the Enhanced Benchmark Benefit Plan. Non-emergent transportation coverage continues if you are providing transportation to Medicaid clients who receive the following services: developmental disability, partial care, psycho-social rehabilitation, and community-based long-term care services.

If you have any questions about Medicaid transportation services, please contact the Idaho Medicaid Transportation Unit at (800) 296-0509.

Thank you for your continued participation in the Idaho Medicaid Program.

LMC/rs